THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Uttar Pradesh Government has suggested that the Anpara 'B' Thermal Power Project along with its associated transmission system may be implemented in the Central Sector.

Increase in the prices of price-decontrolled drugs

662. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the DPCO, 1987, every drug company has to intimate to his Ministry before increasing the prices of price decontrolled bulk drugs and finished medicines; and

(b) if so, what are the names of bulk drugs and finished medicines for which prices have been increased after the announcement of DPCO, 1987 together with the pre-revised and revised prices in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir. under para 11(2) of the DPCO, 1987, any manufacturer who desires to market a new pack or revise the prices of an existing pack, of a non-scheduled formulation, may do so after furnishing the details of the proposed retail price and cost data in Form 2A.

(b) Various formulations and its dosages being thousands in number, the collection of the required information will take a long time. The time and labour involved will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Fixation of drug prices

663. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of finished medicines continue to be based on high prices of bulk drugs;

(b) whether his Ministry has evolved any mechanism to know the market prices of drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when such a system will be adopted ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (c) Prices of finished medicines are worked-out by BICP on the basis of documentary evidence produced by the applicant in regard to purchase price of drug, however, subject to restriction to notified price, if any, or average import price as per DGHS Statistics in case of imported drug.

Use of 'hybrid' brand names

664. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: —

(a) whether it is a fact that while granting foreign collaboration a condition is placed that no foreign brand names are to be used for the domestic market;

(b) what are the reasons for which a 'hybrid' name does not amount to using a foreign brand names alongwith a prefix or suffix; and

(c) what is the meaning of